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YSU FOUNDATION INCREASES SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

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Over the past two years, the Youngstown State University Foundation has implemented a strategic plan that has allowed the foundation to allocate a record \$7.4 million dollars in scholarship support to the next academic year — a move that could attract qualified incoming students.

Though it operates independently of the university, the YSU Foundation has \$215 million in assets used solely to support YSU and its students.

Paul McFadden, as president of the YSU Foundation, encourages alumni and friends to make donations to the foundation. He indicated that all of the foundation's \$215 million has been obtained by donations from alumni and friends of the university and by investment gains on those charitable dollars.

Under the foundation's strategic plan, a new allocation policy was created that allows the organization to provide YSU with 4 percent of the endowment's market value, increasing the amount of funds available to support scholarships.

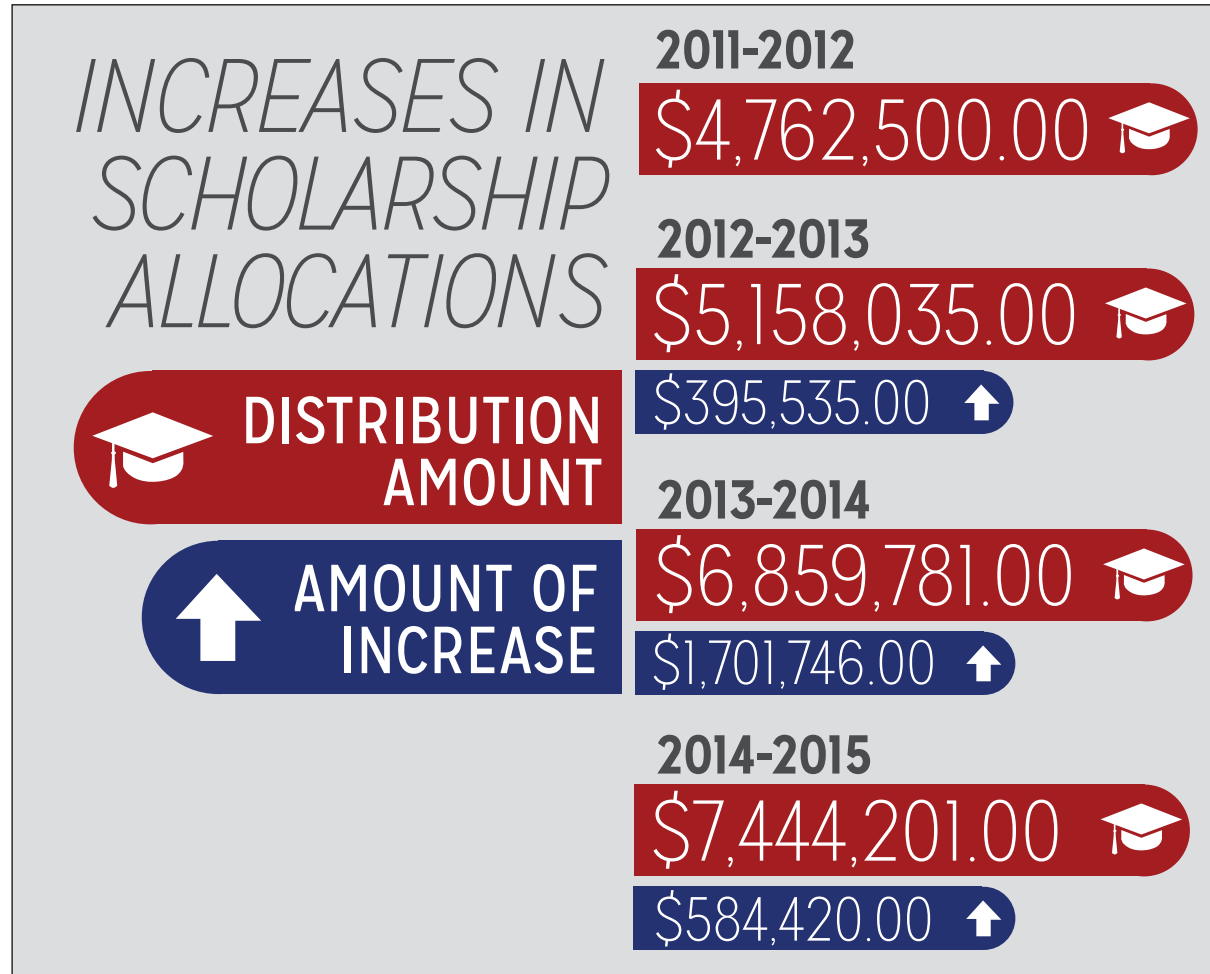
"The YSU Foundation Board of Trustees is very interested in helping attract students," McFadden said. "It is the Foundation's hope that increasing scholarship dollars available to students will result in increased enrollment."

Due to the Foundation's new policy, scholarship allocations to the university have increased by \$2.6 million over the past three years.

With the cost of higher education increasing and the economy slowly recovering from a recession, the bottom-line cost of higher education is one of the largest factors prospective students consider when choosing a school to attend.

Gary Swegan, YSU's associative vice president for Enrollment Management, said the increase in available scholarship funds — coupled with YSU's competitive pricing — could attract incoming students.

"The bottom-line cost is just incredibly important," Swegan said. "The YSU Foundation now for two straight years has successively increased their contributions to the university, which I think will



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only help us."

Though YSU's Board of Trustees has voted to increase tuition by 2.4 percent starting next fall semester, YSU's projected undergraduate tuition of \$8,087 for the 2014-2015 remains low in comparison to other area four-year institutions.

Projected undergraduate tuition for Cleveland State University, Kent State University and the University of Akron is \$9,736, \$10,004 and \$10,244 respectively.

Limited state funding — which has become increasingly tied to graduation rates — and a decrease in enrollment have led to a subsequent reduction in

the university's revenue over the past three years.

Available scholarship money could act as an incentive attracting qualified students to YSU, increasing graduation rates and bolstering the university's state funding.

"We are trying to attract students that have the very best chance of being successful," Swegan said.

McFadden agreed and added that the YSU Foundation will continue to make an effort to financially assist students.

"We are trying to get better so we can help students more," McFadden said. "And we are."

Cancer Never Sleeps



PHOTO BY ALYSSA PAWLUK/THE JAMBAR.

Students walk together during Relay For Life in Beeghly Center to raise money for cancer research.

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Members of the Youngstown and Youngstown State University communities gathered Friday and Saturday to march through the halls of Beeghly Center to kick off the 12th annual Relay For Life.

Held from 6 p.m. on Friday through noon on Saturday, the relay consisted of 27 differ-

ent teams that were raising money for the cure for cancer. The American Cancer Society sponsored the event.

Cheri Metzinger, event chairwoman for the American Cancer Society, said the theme for this year's relay was '50s style.

"Starting at 7 [p.m.], we are starting with the '50s decade, and we're doing really cool '50s games like hula hooping

and bubblegum blowing. We have a lot of really fun games and contests going on, and all of it is just to raise awareness and raise money for the American Cancer Society and help to fight for a cure," Metzinger said.

Many of the teams at the relay — like the YSU Scholars and Honors and the YSU Engineering program — were excited to be able to participate

Tressel Applies for YSU President

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Ron Cole, the Youngstown State University public information officer, confirmed that Jim Tressel has submitted his application for the presidency position at Youngstown State University.

In a statement through the University of Akron, Tressel — former head coach of both Youngstown State University and Ohio State University and current vice president of Strategic Engagement at the University of Akron — commented on his application.

"I am respectful of the presidential search process underway at both Youngstown State University and The University of Akron. Both university communities are a very meaningful part of my professional history. I feel grateful that people from both university communities have expressed interest in my application. I believe it's appropriate that I not comment any further during this part of the process," he said.

Tressel has received significant encouragement to apply for the position from the Youngstown community. Ohio State Representative Robert Hagan said he fully supports Tressel for the position.

"I'm glad. I think he has mastered the art of negotiations, and he knows very well how to play free agent. He did at YSU and at Akron, and I commend him for doing it the right way. I hope that the board of trustees does a better job of vetting those candidates than the last time, and they get a commitment from whoever it is," Hagan said.

"Hopefully it will be Jim Tressel."

Congressmen Tim Ryan echoed Hagan's support in a press release sent out Friday.

"I am pleased to learn that Jim Tressel has applied to be President of YSU," Ryan said. "Because of the departure of Dr. Dunn, YSU faces a unique situation, and I believe Jim Tressel would provide the kind of leadership needed by a major university. I urge both Youngstown State and the University of Akron to seriously consider his candidacy. It is vitally important for us to keep someone with his talent, experience and leadership skills in Northeast Ohio."

Harry Meshel, a member of the YSU Board of Trustees,

YSU Hosts 36th English Festival

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Last week, area high school and middle school students flooded Youngstown State University's campus for the 36th annual English Festival.

Gary Salvner, an emeritus professor of English and current co-chair on the English Festival's committee, said the festival brought students from 200 surrounding schools.

"The festival takes place over three different days. Senior high kids in grades 10 through 12 come on Wednesday. Two different groups of junior high kids come on Thursday and Friday," Salvner said.

Before the festival, the participants were assigned a list of books to read, so they could listen to speeches from the authors and participate in sessions and workshops.

"They go through a whole series of different sessions all day long. They participate in writing competitions, in group activities. They listen to some of the authors and other featured speakers. They come back at the end of the day for a big award ceremony at 3:15 [p.m.] and we give away thousands of dollars worth of prizes for all their hard work," Salvner said.

The committee invited authors of the chosen books to speak directly to the participants by reaching out to the publishers, agents, and the authors themselves.

"I have some national connections with some organizations that work with young adult literature, so I often times hear these authors at national conferences. I look for somebody who can really talk



C.J. Bott spoke to a room full of educators on bullying displayed in young adult fiction during the Friday session of the English Festival last week.

well about good books — and their own books — but can really talk to kids too," Salvner said.

C.J. Bott, an educational consultant on the use of young adult literature that concerns bullying in the classroom, and Jordan Sonnenblick, author of several of the works on this year's reading list, spoke at the festival.

"Well, this is the first time I have had an official position. I have had come before for little mini-things," Bott said. "I present teen books because I think kids reading about other things in the world — about themselves in other worlds — validates our right to be who

we are." Jeff Buchanan, professor of English and teacher education and co-chair of the committee, said the festival is supported by an endowment fund and registration fees.

"There's endowment funds that have been set up for the festival that are used in memory of Thomas and Carol Gay, the founders, Candace Gay, Jim Houck — one of the founding members," Buchanan said. "There is a registration fee. So every student that comes pays a registration fee — it is small. ... That and the endowment money saved has so far covered the festival."

Salvner said the festival

doesn't just benefit the attendees, but it also helps to expand the university's reach.

"We are bringing kids from 200 different schools in the region. For many of them, it is their first introduction to their university," Salvner said. "They get to know what a wonderful campus this is. I have to tell you, our students are very nice to them and treat them well, and I really appreciate that YSU students are that way. It really benefits all of us because I think it is a recruitment tool. It brings more students in; it brings kids who otherwise wouldn't have thought about YSU. Frankly the better the enrollment, the

better it is for all of us."

Buchanan echoed this sentiment, adding that the community also helped engage the larger community.

"There is a community engagement aspect with this. You know we are working with local schools; we're working with teachers; we're working with librarians; we're working with parents. We are doing something for the community, for the kids. ... We are promoting reading and writing. We are celebrating academic success," Buchanan said. "I don't think there is a festival quite like this in the country."

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| 16. McCollum, James | 33. Varahramyan, Kody |
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AN EVENING TO REMEMBER: THE CINDERELLA BALL

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Last Thursday night, swing and ballroom dancers of all ages flew across the Tyler Mahoning Valley History Center's dance floor to partake in the Cinderella Ball — an event hosted by the Youngstown State University Dance Club.

Kristi Yazvac, president of the dance club, said that the Disney princess and royal ball theme gave students and Youngstown residents a chance to dress up in formal attire.

"We put on a dance semiannually with different themes every semester, and we decided to go formal this semester. We wanted to let girls and boys dress up in their old prom attire. Our main point was that we would never get to wear our prom dresses again if we didn't have something like this," Yazvac said. "I love Disney."

Students that presented a YSU ID at the door were charged a \$5 entry fee while non-students were charged \$10; proceeds benefitted the dance club.

Anyone in attendance was invited to dance along with the Youngstown-Warren Chapter 2015 of USA Dance, the local chapter of the na-

tional, non-profit dance organization that partnered with YSU's dance club for the fundraiser. Guests also enjoyed a variety of fruits, vegetables, snacks and drinks to refresh themselves as while dancing the evening away.

Jake Miller, secretary of the YSU ballroom dance club, said that he was excited about the number of dancers at the Cinderella Ball.

"I felt fantastic about tonight. Everything was going great. We had a phenomenal turnout and the dance floor was full almost at every corner. You couldn't ask for more," Miller said.

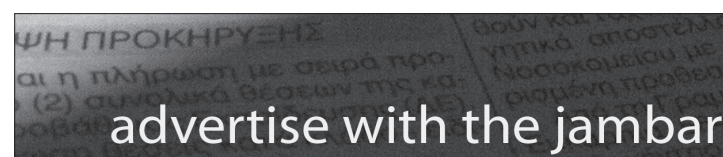
Emily Andriko, vice president of the YSU ballroom dance club, said that, though she enjoyed the evening, she wished more YSU students showed up at the ball.

"We have had a very great turnout. We didn't get as many YSU students as we had hoped, but the USA Dance partnership that we hold — a lot of them showed up and it looked like everyone was having a great time," Andriko said.

Katelyn Kridler, Spanish and French education major, positively commented on the evening.

"It's just good to be here. We've been working toward this and it's just fun to see it come to life," Kridler said.

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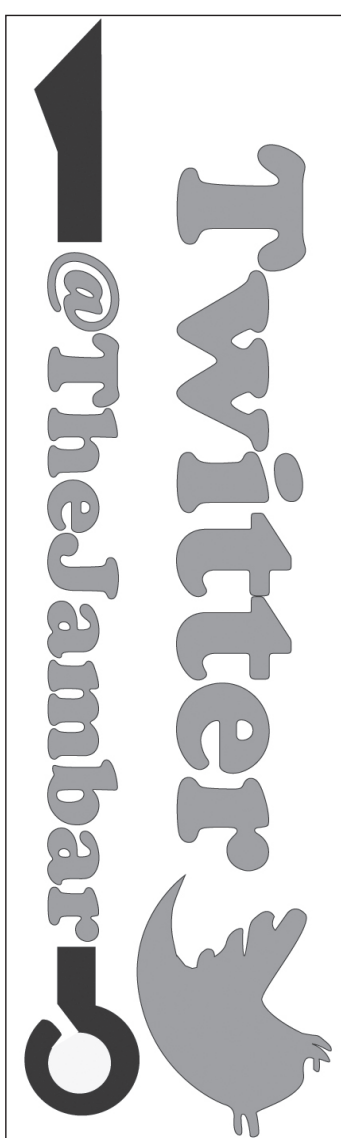
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"Experience Y," the Youngstown State University television advertising campaign, was presented the Merit Award in the Educational Advertising Awards in the Television Advertising category. The educational advertising awards competition was sponsored by the Higher Education Marketing Report and was the largest contest of its kind in the country. There were about 2,000 entries from more than 1,000 colleges, universities and secondary schools throughout the world.



also spoke positively of Tressel's application. "I think it's wonderful. [Tressel's application is] a great addition to the list that we will probably have by the time we're through," he said. "The mystery is settled, and I think a lot of people will be happy about it."

Meshele indicated that the presidential search committee will meet next week to review the applications. The Board hopes to appoint a new president before June.

Tressel has also applied to be president of The University of Akron.

Tressel is one of 33 candidates who have applied for the YSU presidency position. Martin Abraham, current dean of the YSU College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, and Daryl Mincey, chair of

the Chemistry Department, are other notable candidates.

"I think it is a real honor to be president of this institution. I think it is an institution of quality. A lot of people really do not understand how good of a school this is. I would certainly, as president, promote the value of this institution," Mincey said. "I've been a chair of chemistry for 19 years. I've been a faculty member at YSU for 36. I believe I have a lot to offer as far as far as knowledge of the area — how the area needs to interact with the university and the university with the area."

The application deadline for the presidency position at YSU was Monday, April 14.

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YSU's NECA Group Prepares for National Competition

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Youngstown State University's National Electrical Contract Association student group is preparing its presentation for the organization's national competition.

The NECA is a nation-wide organization that stands as the voice for the electrical contracting industry.

For the competition, students must take an existing facility on campus and figure out ways to make it more energy efficient, as well as showcase use of the new green technology available today.

Part of the competition includes compiling and compacting the information of their proposal into a single poster. Last year, YSU's poster won first place in the national competition. The proposal is due on May 5 this year, with the poster due in the next few weeks.

While the project is a hypothetical exercise, all the intended changes are treated as real, including cost estimates and other practical factors of the solutions.

Ethan Parks, an electrical engineering major and president of YSU NECA, said the group will focus on the Kilcawley Center.

"This year we are utilizing the Kilcawley Center and we're going be pushing for occupancy sensors, solar panels, variable speed drives, variable frequen-

cy drives; different ways to make the building more efficient, save the campus money, and then in the long run show that green energy is the way to go," he said.

Parks said the competition is a valuable learning experience for the participants.

"We are practicing what we are learning in school and we are applying it to real life. It's a great project for beginners to get into. That way they get some hands on experience and realize what they are learning really does mean something," he said.

Last year's project focused on the M-1 parking deck. Proposed changes included electrical car charging stations, LED light fixtures and solar panels.

YSU is considering putting some of these changes into place in reality. YSU's NECA group is hopeful that its project this year will also be taken under serious consideration.

John Fromel, an electrical and computer engineering major and new member of the organization, said their project could serve as a long lasting solution for some of YSU's energy concerns.

"We're looking forward to [the competition]. We feel that our project could not only benefit YSU in terms of saving money but also in terms of a long lasting solution," Fromel said.

Sean Lynch, the group's vice president of communication and participant in the competition for several years, spoke on how the group arrived at the alterna-

tive energy solutions they use today.

"The tough thing about Youngstown is that it's not really windy all the time, so alternative energy is kind of difficult, but we kind of did away with the wind turbines and are focusing on solar panels and daylight harvesting," Lynch said.

Daylight harvesting refers to naturally lighting rooms with sunlight rather than using man-made lighting. For instance, certain lights in a room respond to the amount of sunlight coming into the room by switching on and off accordingly.

Parks said membership in NECA will benefit students in terms of their employment later on, both in the near and distant future.

"With students getting into NECA, that opens doors to many different areas that students can go through. This is just a stepping stones," he said. "By being in NECA that would give you the advantage over somebody else who had the same exact degree."

Professor Theodore Bosela, faculty adviser for the YSU NECA group, agreed, saying the group it provides great opportunities for students.

"Students having the opportunity to interact and network with the electrical contract industry is fantastic. The contractors provide a lot of direct financial support through internships, part-time employment, and full-time employment, but it also gives the students a sense of the real issues contractors face," Bosela said.

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and fundraise for the American Cancer Society.

Brian Betts, a mechanical engineering major and member of the YSU Scholars and Honors team, said he and his team were happy to give their time in the event.

"I'm really glad that Scholars and Honors were able to participate in this relay, and I'm just glad that we were able to make a difference," he said.

Jennifer Miller, the team

captain for the group from the College of Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, said her group was excited to attend the event.

"This is our second year doing this, so it's a lot of fun just seeing more people jump on board and participate in the fundraising, and we're excited to have a fun night," Miller said.

Many of the teams at the relay were not first timers, and

returned to support their family members. Margaret Gratz-Reynolds, graduate assistant at YSU, said she felt especially motivated to attend the Relay For Life because of her mother-in-law.

"This isn't my first year at relay. I'm excited to be able to be here again. My mother-in-law is with me, and we just found out last Saturday, less than ten days ago, that she is cancer free. She's one of the

special gifts for this Relay For Life for me, but I relay for my grandmother, great uncle, my great aunt and all the other people in my family that have passed away. Now we have a survivor in the family," Reynolds said. "I always give 110 percent, but this year I feel like I'm giving 300 percent because I have a survivor on my team."

Mary Jo Marsh, a teacher at St. Charles, said her students

eagerly voted to return to the relay.

"We've been coming here for 12 years from St. Charles School, and the seventh and eighth graders are on our team, and they voted to come back again," Marsh said. "They always enjoy it and have a good time, and we usually collect a lot of money. The relay for life likes us to be here because they can count on us for the money."



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Sleeplessness is Bliss



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The winning group stands with the committee of the Warren Philharmonic Orchestra after completing an entire campaign for the non-profit organization. The groups stayed up all night working out concepts and developing material before presenting their projects first thing in the morning.

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Rich Helfrich, instructor at the Youngstown State University Art Department, unveiled on Thursday that his graphic design students would have 24 hours to design a campaign for the Warren Philharmonic Orchestra.

For two weeks, Helfrich kept his students in the dark about the daunting challenge ahead of them and the client for whom they would be gearing all of their design efforts toward.

The secrecy was not without warrant — it was to give the students experience in crisis management and working

as a team under those kinds of conditions. When asked why the WPO was chosen, Helfrich just said that it was suggested to him from various people in the department.

“This project is a vehicle for the students to give back to the community,” Helfrich said. “... It also gives them experience in creative teamwork, time management, conflict management — plus, it’s portfolio material.”

After weeks of anticipation and uncertainty, on April 10, the graphic design students filed into room 4057 of Bliss Hall. There they were addressed by the board of the WPO and Jack Ciarniello of the YSU Music Department. The students were told about what the organization does

and what its goals were for the campaign.

The class was given requirements such as billboard displays, banners, fliers and even a website. It also needed to be persuasive to children, parents and young adults while also accurately presenting the WPO’s message.

Ciarniello was careful to specify to the students, that though all of the popular movies and video games of this generation are scored with classical music and instruments, they shouldn’t focus too much on just the children.

“Children don’t drive to concerts,” he said.

He said to consider their caretakers — the ones who would be taking them to the events. He stressed that in ad-

dition to enticing children to “drop the video game controller, the advertising should also persuade parents that it will be a worthwhile experience.

With very little time to research the organization — let alone create an entire campaign for it — the students were scrawling notes and eagerly asking Helfrich and WPO members questions concerning the details. But it was understood that most of the graphic design teams would be pulling all-nighters in order to complete the project, and Bliss was left open for them to use.

From 9-11 a.m. on Friday, the students presented their designs to the WPO members. Out of the five groups, Group Two’s project was the one the client selected. The group con-

sisted of art students Douglas Starr, Paya Herron, Susan Rowe, Marc Scacchetti and Jacqueline Chavez.

Starr was also in the same group that created the winning design for the 78th Annual Student Art Show, which they called “Undiscovered.” However, Starr clarified that it was not the same group selected both times.

He was asked to specify the most important thing he learned from the experience.

“Don’t take sleep for granted,” Starr said, joking.

He added that it’s a valuable experience working with other creative people and using what he’s learned in a practical, real-world setting.

Rockin’ with the Locals

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The Youngstown-based rock band Full Moon Canoe played April 5 at Chipper’s Sports Bar & Grill.

Full Moon Canoe consists of vocalist Justin Mitchell, bassist Aaron Tyger, guitarist Matt Servenack and drummer Rob Craig.

Accompanying Full Moon Canoe were Dakota Spells Disaster, Light of the Loon and headliners Chapless Larry. The musical event was part of a string of gigs put on by Supporting Your Local Music.

“It’s a really exciting time for local music,” Mitchell said. “It seems like there’s a real appetite for original music that’s really being given a chance to

thrive with things like Supporting Your Local Music.”

Full Moon Canoe formed in 2009. Since that time, the group has experienced its share of member changes.

Mitchell joined the band in August of 2013. He met Tyger through a mutual friend.

“That night, within an hour, we had written our first song together,” Mitchell said. “I had not been in a band.”

Full Moon Canoe had a vocalist at the time of Tyger and Mitchell’s meeting. Sometime after that, Tyger contacted Mitchell, asking him if he would be interested in auditioning for the band.

“Part of me was like, ‘oh my god, can I do that?’” Mitchell said. “Then the other part of me said, ‘yeah, you’re going to kick yourself if you don’t.’”

Full Moon Canoe creates a sound

that, as Tyger put it, is rock n’ roll in the broadest sense.

“If you miss a song in our set, you’ve missed something unique,” Mitchell said.

Akron’s self-described indie-bizarro, anti-folk rock band Light of the Loon played third in the evening’s lineup.

Light of the Loon is comprised of Amy Heisei on vocals and keyboard, Sharon Possibly on vocals, Alisha Healey on drums, Dani Hinds on flute and Raquel Castillo on violin.

Light of the Loon originally consisted of two members and then progressively grew into its current five-piece band.

Opening the evening was punk rock outfit Dakota Spells Disaster. The band is made up of Steven Wittkugle on guitar and vocals, EJ Halle on bass and

vocals and Eric Gallo on drums.

The band was originally formed in 2010. Dakota Spells Disaster’s current lineup is nearly a year old.

“Eric and I first met back in high school listening to Disturbed together,” Wittkugle said.

Dakota Spells Disaster takes inspiration from expected punk acts such as Alkaline Trio or The Dopamines and heavier groups like Godsmack.

The group expressed a concern for the current state of Youngstown’s music scene.

“It’s the underground of the underground,” Wittkugle said. “There’s a lot of good talent that nobody has ever heard of, and refuses to go listen to. Which is sad.”

Finishing the evening was the return of the metal group Chapless Larry, playing its first show since Halloween

EDITORIAL

MAKE IT A FAIR FIGHT

As of noon on Monday, 33 people have applied to be Youngstown State University's next president. The name people are most excited about seeing is, of course, that of former YSU coach Jim Tressel.

But there are 32 other people that have thrown their name into the ring. Among them are former and current university presidents, department chairs, chancellors, professors and doctors.

Two of the applicants are at YSU right now: Martin Abraham, Dean of the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, and Daryl Mincey, chair of the chemistry department.

Some other notables include the dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Southern Illinois, the chancellor of North Dakota University System and the dean of the College of Business at Bloomsburg University.

The important thing to keep in mind from Tuesday on out is that this needs to be a fair

race.

Yes, local leaders have voiced support of Tressel, and we even acknowledged that Tressel could be a good president a couple weeks ago. But the other candidates deserve as much of a chance as Tressel.

The other applicants aren't nobodies. They all have their own merits and experiences and ideas that will contribute to the success of YSU. They wouldn't have applied if they didn't.

We've said it before and we'll say it again. Every candidate, not just Jim Tressel, deserves an equal chance to be YSU's eighth president. Just because people want him to lead our university, doesn't mean he's the best choice.

If he is, pick him. If he isn't, don't succumb to outside pressure. Instead, choose the person that will be the best at making YSU successful.

CORRECTION

In Thursday's edition of The Jambar in the editorial "Our Grievance with Grievances," it states that Cory Okular and Justen Vrabel were docked 10 percent of their total votes when they ran for top SGA positions in 2012. The Okular-Vrabel ticket was docked 15 percent. The Jambar deeply regrets the error.



LETTER — TO THE — EDITOR

WHEN THE CONDUCT IS MADE UP AND YOUR VOTES DON'T MATTER...

Although I have to tip my hat to the Jambar for their detailed coverage of the SGA election, their editorial failed to mention one key issue with the deduction of votes as punishment for violating policies; the fact that removing votes of students who wanted to have their opinion be heard does the greatest disservice to the students. Thirteen percent of students who voted in the SGA presidential election had their votes disposed of because of incidents that they had no control over. It is a travesty under our principles of freedom and democracy to tell voters in any election that their votes are disposable at the will of a Board — which they did not select.

Through this process of deducting votes as retribution for candidates' errors, we are allowing a precedent to be set that your vote and opinion may not matter. Yet individuals will continue to wonder why there is so much voter apathy in the SGA elections. The decision also sets a precedent that in YSU SGA elections, the path to a successful campaign is not just obtaining votes, but critically observing your opponents to look for faults which may earn them vote deductions. This is not a healthy process for the students at the university.

I know many are thinking, "Well, if we don't deduct votes, then how do we create repercussions for policy infractions?" The reality is the options are endless, if students and faculty would be willing to sit down at a table and discuss them. I personally am in favor of only making candidates follow standard university policy and allowing all conduct issues to be dealt with normally through the university conduct system instead of a special board. This places repercussions directly on the candidates, not on the students of YSU who want to make their voice heard. If anyone wants to sit down and have this discussion, I would be more than willing to do so. The reality is, if this process doesn't change, only students are the ones who get punished.

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How the World Can Respond to Putin

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The Russian military buildup along the Ukrainian border and Vladimir Putin's seizure of Crimea have become pivotal moments for Western powers and NATO.

During the Cold War, the Kremlin had little doubt that if the Soviet Union attacked or invaded Europe — anywhere in Europe — it would have a full-scale conflict with NATO and the United States. Today, frankly, it's unclear what would happen if Russia seized Moldova or, say, two cities in eastern Ukraine.

Those who say they long for the clarity and symmetry of the Cold War forget the danger of living under an international regime in which "stabilizing deterrence" was the threat to incinerate half the planet. But a new, volatile period brings dangers and instabilities of its own.

There are enclaves all over this world populated by minorities that, like Crimea, would on balance rather be part of a nation other than the one they find themselves in.

There are parts of the world with natural resources like oil or gas — such as the South China Sea — that become natural strategic objectives for surrounding countries. Energy and food will be subjects of strategic

contest for many decades to come because not all countries have both, and the haves are tempted to use energy and food as instruments of coercion vs. the have-nots.

There is no international body with the strength, the legitimacy and the freedom to act that can guarantee national integrity for all countries.

The United States and Europe are both in economic difficulty, and both have sought to reduce military spending and commitments. For most of the period since World War II, the western alliances have been both dominant and stabilizing; today they are shrinking and uncertain.

And there are areas of potential international conflict that are not primarily defined by traditional geographic boundaries, such as cyberspace and China's drive to dethrone the dollar as the sole global reserve currency. On the latter, there can be little doubt that the wily Putin is probing not only China on this subject, but also fossil fuel-producing enemies of the West, since the production and sale of oil and gas are significant parts of hard-currency transactions.

Stopping expansionists like Putin and providing a stable international framework will require difficult choices, including:

Committing NATO unambiguously to defend central Europe along a clearly defined line, and establishing tripwire troop presence to underline that commitment.

Establishing a body outside the U.N. Security Council, perhaps acting on its own as an adviser to the General Assembly, composed of countries respected for their support of international stability and the rule of law, that can issue non-vetoable opinions on short notice on whether a given military action by a nation violates international law or the U.N. Charter.

Establishing an international court of arbitration to which some disputes over natural resources might be referred.

Creating an international energy fund modeled on the International Monetary Fund that would have the capacity to extend emergency short-term energy assistance as well as the resources and know-how to help countries develop long-term policies for energy independence. (A similar function for food could be housed in existing international agencies, such as the World Food Program, with relatively minor modifications to their charter and function.)

The expansionist autocrats, including Putin, are asking themselves whether any countries are willing to back with force a post-Cold War system of rules and institutions that will limit "neighborhood" aggression and provide structures to contain disputes over food and natural resources.

This challenge requires more than the silence and incoherence the West has shown thus far.

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GM's Mary Barra Fails to Reassure an Angry Congress

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Mary Barra, General Motors' new chief executive officer, was in a tough spot recently as she tried to explain to Congress why her company didn't quickly recall cars it knew contained defective and clearly dangerous parts.

The choices appeared to be that GM was either corrupt or incompetent. Instead of selecting one of those, Barra chose to plead ignorance.

It was not a popular choice. As a consequence, the latest denizen of GM's corner office got to experience congressional anger at its highest pitch — which is what happens when news cameras are rolling.

California Sen. Barbara Boxer was a leader of the outraged as she peppered Barra with questions.

"You don't know anything about anything," Boxer said at one point.

Barra tried to assure the sen-

ators that GM is now focused on safety and the consumer, but Boxer was not assuaged.

"If this is the new GM leadership, it's pretty lacking," she fumed.

Two other senators, both former prosecutors, raised the specter of criminal prosecution.

"I don't see this as anything but criminal," said Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H.

Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., said the more he learns about GM, "the more convinced I am that GM has a real exposure to criminal liability."

Barra's main accomplishment of the day was substantial: She inspired bipartisan concurrence. But it probably wasn't exactly what she had in mind.

We're with Blumenthal: The more we learn, the more outrageous GM's actions appear.

It's increasingly clear that GM covered up information about defective ignition switches in at least two of its vehicles — Chevrolet Cobalts and Saturn Ions — and that those de-

fects are linked to 13 deaths and dozens of accidents.

Earlier in the week, Barra apologized for the company's actions during a tear-filled meeting with families who had lost loved ones from these crashes. Then she appeared before a House committee, where she again apologized and promised that many of the answers Congress seeks will be found in an internal GM investigation that should be completed in 45 to 60 days.

She apologized a third time at the beginning of the Senate subcommittee hearing, but it was wearing thin.

Barra's strategy is to rely heavily on the results of that internal investigation. But if it's going to help, it better be finished in less than two months, and it better be a good one. A really good one.

A substandard investigation is sure to earn Barra an "invitation" back to the Senate subcommittee. And next time, they won't be so nice.

Obstruction of Justice

YSU softball sweeps conference rival



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Fluctuating with the leadoff position all season, Sarah Dowd has been the new Youngstown State University softball player in that spot the past few games.

"For me, it's more about the inning and situation," Dowd said. "Once you get past the first couple of innings, position-wise in the lineup doesn't matter. You do the role you're needed in the time you're needed."

Dowd's comment couldn't be any more accurate after Sunday's contest with the University of Illinois at Chicago.

With two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning, Dowd and Courtney Ewing drew walks, setting up Miranda Castiglione with a walk-off RBI single. The Penguins won, 4-3.

"I never know what pitch it is," Castiglione said. "I was just relaxed and had fun. It was just another at bat. No pressure."

While Dowd rounded third base, UIC (10-18, 4-4 Horizon League) pitcher Bridget Boyle, attempting to back up her catcher, interfered with Dowd. Standing wobbly after hitting the ground, Dowd stepped on home plate and ended the game.

"When something like that happens with the obstruction, she has to make her way to home plate," head coach Brian Campbell said. "I think everyone was a little confused there, but I'm glad that Sarah was okay and proud of the way she continued to run after she hit the base."

Dowd is batting .288 with five home runs and 22 RBIs this season while also tallying a .373 on base percentage.

Even with a bizarre ending, a win's a win. Not only that, but YSU (21-17, 6-4) also swept its conference rival, winning 3-2 and 4-2 on Saturday.

"Honestly, this was a really

important weekend for us, and I think everybody is insanely happy that we swept," Dowd said. "I just hope that it carries forward. That's all what we were looking for this weekend."

Alongside Dowd's lineup positioning working well, the same could be said for Sarah Ingalls who's been batting fourth the past few games. She hit a two-out, two-run homer in the first inning that put YSU ahead, 2-0.

"When we were in [batting practice on Sunday], coach said that they'll be going inside on me a lot because that's what they were doing [Saturday]," Ingalls said. "In the first at bat, I stopped guessing. I just went up there and hit the first pitch."

Ingalls is batting .283 with six home runs and a team-leading 25 RBIs. Campbell has confidence in her batting directly behind Castiglione who gets on base 45 percent of the times.

"At the beginning of the season, I was up there then dropped down to fifth," Ingalls said. "To me, there's really no difference, but it's still nice to maybe get up in the first inning with runners on and hopefully get them home."

Casey Crozier pitched well for YSU, going 6 1/3 innings while allowing three runs (two earned) on seven hits, three walks and striking out seven. She wasn't able to hold a 3-1 lead in the seventh inning as the Flames tied it. Kayla Hallett entered and didn't allow the go-ahead run to score, earning her seventh win.

YSU ranks third in the Horizon League as it hosts Wright State University on Saturday and Sunday for another three-game series, including Senior Day on Sunday. Before that series begins, the Penguins travel to St. Bonaventure University for a doubleheader on Wednesday.

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Youngstown State University outfielder Sarah Dowd chases down a fly ball during a home game earlier this year. Dowd scored the game-winning run on Sunday against the University of Illinois at Chicago to complete a three-game sweep.



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Defense is an area where the Youngstown State University Penguins struggled last year. YSU was ranked near the bottom in almost every defensive statistical category in the Missouri Valley Football Conference.

With new defensive coordinator Jamie Bryant, the Penguins look to turn that around.

With the loss of former defensive tackle Kyle Sirl and some other seniors, the defensive line has a new look and feel early this spring. Head coach Eric Wolford sees the improvement the line has made over the spring.

"Our defensive line has by far been the most improved group on our football team," Wolford said. "It is glaring. They are aggressive and fast."

Wolford gave high praise to junior college transfer Vince Coleman, calling

him a one-man wrecking crew. Wolford said that even though the line doesn't get many style points, they are a very solid group.

Junior Steve Zaborsky feels the competition on the defensive line and sees the intensity they have all brought this year.

"As far as the D-line goes, I know everyone is competing," Zaborsky said. "There is not a set first string or second string. It is all written in pencil, so it could be erased daily."

Zaborsky played in 12 games last year and started eight. He totaled 14 tackles — eight solo and six assists — during the season.

Coleman said that Bryant has told him to step up and become more of a vocal leader.

"Honestly, I usually feed off of teammates," Coleman said. "Coach told me I have to be a leader."

Coleman played in 12 games last season as a reserve defensive end. He totaled 20 tackles, accumulating from 10 solo and 10 assisted.

Zaborsky and Coleman have both be-

come accustomed to the new defensive coordinator.

"I love it," Coleman said. "He is doing great things with us and he knows what he is doing."

Zaborsky feels as if Bryant has made the playbook simpler for the defense to be more aggressive.

"He is simplifying a lot of things, and when you simplify things, it makes us able to think less and react," Zaborsky said. "Since plays are simpler, we can go full speed, and when you are going full speed and making plays, that is when you compete."

After having an underachieving defense last year, the Penguins know that third down is key.

"We really have felt like third down has been a hamstring for us when it comes to taking the next step for this program," Wolford said.

Wolford said the team had 52 third down plays in practice. The line also knows that third down is the make it or break it' down.

Youngstown was at the bottom of

the conference last year when it came to sacks, totaling 22 all season. The Penguins were also last in pass defense where they allowed 26 touchdowns to opposing quarterbacks.

"As a D-line, we are really focusing on getting to the quarterback," Zaborsky said. "We are definitely getting at the pass rush a lot more, and if you look at the stats during spring, we definitely picked up our sacks."

Zaborsky explained that with added pressure to the quarterback, the defense will hopefully throw off the timing of the throw.

"What that leads to is interceptions," Zaborsky said. "We are trying to at least affect the quarterback, so he throws the ball up and we can get more interceptions."

YSU was at the bottom in the interception category last season with 10.

With the defensive line being one of the most improved groups in spring practice, they look to give the defense some confidence and bring the heat.